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C O N F I D E N T I A L VIENNA 4796

BELGRADE FOR USDEL CSCE

EO 11652: GDS  
TAGS: PINT, SHUM, CS, AU  
SUBJECT: CHARTER 77: MLYNAR BEGINS EXILE IN AUSTRIA

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1.HZDENEK MLYNAR, PROMINENT SIGNER OF CHARTER 77 DOCUMENT  
AND FORMER CENTRAL COMMITTEE SECRETARY OF COMMUNIST PARTY OF  
CZECHOSLOVAKIA DURING THE DUBCEK ERA, ARRIVED IN VIENNA  
JUNE 13, ACCOMPANIED BY HIS WIFE. HIS ARRIVAL AT AUSTRIAN  
BORDER CROSSING POINT DRIVING HIS  
OWN CAR WAS PROMINENTLY FEATURED IN AUSTRIAN TV MEDIA  
EVENING JUNE 13, INCLUDING BRIEF INTERVIEW WITH WAITING

NEWSMEN. MLYNAR WAS QUOTED THAT HE WAS "GLAD TO BE IN AUSTRIA" BUT "NOT HAPPY", TOGETHER WITH OBSERVATION THAT "WEATHER IS NICE AND I HOPE OTHER THINGS WILL ALSO GO WELL". MLYNAR SAID HE ACCEPTED AUSTRIA'S OFFER OF ASYLUM BECAUSE HE COULD NO LONGER FIND EMPLOYMENT IN CSSR FOLLOWING HIS DISMISSAL AS EMPLOYEE OF PRAGUE NATIONAL MUSEUM AND BECAUSE HE WOULD FACE PROSECUTION FOR VAGRANCY IF HE SUBSISTED ON GIFTS AND CONTRIBUTIONS OF OTHERS. ASKED ABOUT UPCOMING BELGRADE CSCE MEETING, MLYNAR SAID HE WAS VERY HOPEFUL CONCERNING THIS GATHERING SINCE ONLY ATMOSPHERE OF DETENTE WILL HELP CZECHOSLOVAK HUMAN RIGHTS MOVEMENT.

2. MLYNAR'S ARRIVAL IN VIENNA FOLLOWS BY ABOUT 10 DAYS THAT OF IVAN BINAR, FIRST CZECHOSLOVAK HUMAN RIGHTS ADVOCATE WHO ACCEPTED GOA'S OFFER OF ASYLUM. BINAR, DESCRIBED IN AUSTRIAN PRESS AS WRITER AND POET WHO HAD BEEN SUBJECTED TO CONTINUOUS HARASSMENT BY CSSR AUTHORITIES SINCE 1972, ARRIVED FROM OSTRAVA, TOGETHER WITH WIFE AND TWO YOUNG CHILDREN. HE WAS QUOTED AS SAYING THAT GOA'S OFFER OF ASYLUM TO CZECHOSLOVAK CIVIL AND HUMAN RIGHTS ADVOCATES AS AN EFFECTIVE SUPPORT FOR CONTINUATION OF MOVEMENT IN CZECHOSLOVAKIA. LIKE MLYNAR, BINAR REPORTEDLY DECIDED TO LEAVE CSSR FOLLOWING HIS INABILITY AND THAT OF HIS WIFE TO FIND EMPLOYMENT TO MAINTAIN THEIR FAMILY.

3. MLYNAR AND BINAR HAVE BOTH INDICATED DESIRE TO TAKE UP RESIDENCE IN AUSTRIA AND SEEK EMPLOYMENT IN THEIR COUNTRY.

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RESPECTIVE PROFESSIONS. THERE HAS BEEN SOME PRESS SPECULATION THAT THEY MAY BE CONSIDERING EMIGRATING TO US BUT EMBASSY SOURCE IN CONTACT WITH BOTH FAMILIES HAS INDICATED THEY WISH TO REMAIN IN VIENNA, CLOSE TO CZECHOSLOVAKIA, TO CONTINUE STRUGGLE ON BEHALF OF CHARTER 77 MOVEMENT. MEEHAN

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